

## Program Endorsement

The Chief of Naval Research (Nov. 25, 1997)



THE CHIEF OF NAVAL RESEARCH  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22217-5660

25 November 1997

Dear Mr. Douglass,

Our Best Manufacturing Practices (BMP) Center of Excellence, located in College Park, MD, developed a "get well" program for the Surface Ship Torpedo Defense (SSTD) program by utilizing proven best practices to resolve reliability failures for at-sea flight testing of the Launched Expendable Acoustic Device (LEAD). With funding provided by the SSTD office, along with the risk assessment tools developed by BMP, the Center structured a design methodology which was approved by PEO-USW, and accomplished within the PMS 427 schedule and budget. The attached letter recognizes the Center's efforts.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul G. Gaffney, II".

PAUL G. GAFFNEY, II  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

The Honorable John W. Douglass  
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